

## LEFT COLLEGE FACULTY TO BECOME AN ACTRESS.

Jane Butt, Professor in University of Wisconsin, Joins Theatrical Company.

Miss Jane Butt, a member of Otis Skinner's company, now appearing at the Victoria Theatre, resigned her position as instructor in dramatic reading and elocution in the University of Wisconsin to go on the stage.

She had achieved considerable notice during her association with the company, and was particularly successful in her role as the character of "The Girl in the Red Dress." She was favorably impressed with her and offered to give her a chance.

Miss Butt, "and I am glad of the opportunity to be under Mr. Skinner's tutelage. His idealism and for what is best in the dramatic world, and I think my prospects are bright."

Miss Butt was visiting in Chicago when she joined Mr. Skinner's company. Her relatives were not told of her departure until she had reached New York and wired them to send her trunk. She had only a satchel when she began her stage career.

Miss Butt is the daughter of a prominent Wisconsin lawyer. She had held her position on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin for three years, and her resignation was a surprise to her associates.

Lord Dufferin Critically Ill.

LORD DUFFERIN, the former Viceroy of India and ex-Governor-General of Canada, has reached a critical stage.

Lord Dufferin is seventy-six years old.

MME. SEMBRICH STRAINS ARTERY BY A SNEEZE.

Peculiar Accident Compels Diva to Change Date for Song Recital.

Mme. Sembrich has been compelled to postpone her song recital at Carnegie Hall, which was set for this afternoon, until Monday, Feb. 1, because of a peculiar accident. After a long walk on Monday she took a slight cold and in going to bed she strained a small artery in her throat.

The accident was the reason why she could not her engagement in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Dean of Roscoe met with a similar accident three years ago and was unable to sing for several days.

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Briggs left here three years ago and, going to New Orleans, shipped aboard a mail steamer bound for South Africa. En route to the English army, he served until disabled by wounds, a few months ago, then was sent home by way of London. His family, after vainly trying to locate him, left for New York City, where they are now living.

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## THE BIG STORE A CITY IN ITSELF SIEGEL COOPER & CO.

Mid-Winter Days, But They Sing of Spring.

The enthralling spirit of activity is all over the store. January is shorn of its traditional dullness. Inspiring days, indeed!

Scores of lively clearance sales are in progress. Dollars and dimes never had greater buying power. Large special purchases are finding their way into various departments and hurrying out at prices that are hailed eagerly.

And Smiling Hints of Spring.

too, are all over The Big Store. The new Millinery is beginning to expel its wintery charms. The 102 Ribbons are fluttering their bewitching tints and gorgeous fancies. The lacy whiteness of the new Cotton Goods brings the picturesque summer girl to mind.

Already the first of the new 1902 Suits for women are here. And then the Shirt Waists, Laces, Press Trimmings, Gloves and ever so many other things whisper of Spring with its gentle fascinations.

Truly a most interesting Store!

Boys' Clothing and Caps.

Excellent Qualities and Styles at Special Reduction Prices.

When you read this news about the Boys' Clothing you want to bear in mind the fact that the Clothing is now priced at several times less than when the season began.

Winter days are slipping by, and winter weights must hurry out as fast as possible.

ALL KINDS OF BOYS' GARMENTS.

Odd lots Single Garments, Models, Display Garments (slightly soiled), are in one great group.

BOYS' REEFERS, TOP COATS, SAILORS, Friday at 1.33

JUNIORS, RUSSIAN BLOUSES, SCHOOL SUITS, &c.,

BOYS' KNEE PANTS.

Every odd lot and odd pair of the higher grades has been collected and marked down to 43

BOYS' WAISTS.

Made of good quality percales, with patent waist bands, odd lots and sizes, 13

BOYS' CAPS AND KNIT TAMS.

and headwear of every kind; broken lots; must go Friday at 18

Winter Underwear

For Men, Women and Children.

Big bargains. All sorts of high-grade Winter Underwear at ruthlessly cut prices to hasten and complete all clearances.

It's a good time to buy for next winter.

MEN'S FLEECE-LINED SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

with 65c, at 35

MEN'S ODD UNDERSHIRTS, all sizes, worth up to \$1.50, at 49

MEN'S NATURAL WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, worth up to \$1.50, at 75

WOMEN'S RIBBED VESTS AND DRAWERS (fleece), worth 50c, at 25

WOMEN'S NATURAL WOOL AND CAMEL'S HAIR VESTS AND DRAWERS; worth \$1.25, at 55

WOMEN'S COMBINATION SUITS, white and natural colors, worth \$1.50, at 85

WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN WOOL COMBINATION SUITS, worth \$2.50, at 1.25

CHILDREN'S NATURAL WOOL VESTS AND PANTS; worth up to 85c, at 25c

CHILDREN'S RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS, odd sizes, worth up to 85c, at 10

CHILDREN'S WHITE WOOL VESTS AND PANTS, worth up to \$1.00, at 35

Leather Pocket-books.

LEATHER POCKETBOOKS, Card Cases, Pass Cases, Purses, Wrist Bags, Chatelaine Bags, a large assortment, values up to 50c, to-morrow special at 19

Doilies.

WHITE GUIPURE DOILIES, about 15 different patterns, each is worth up to 15c, at 5

Blankets

at Half or Less Prices.

Odd pairs, some slightly imperfect, but hardly noticeable.

\$2.25 pair BLANKETS to-morrow, at a pair, 1.10

\$3.50 pair BLANKETS to-morrow, at a pair, 1.50

\$4.50 pair BLANKETS to-morrow, at a pair, 2.25

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\$5.00 pair BLANKETS to-morrow, at a pair, 2.50

\$8.00 pair BLANKETS to-morrow, at a pair, 4.00

White India Linen.

A sheer and pretty quality made of Ameer Sea Island yarns; 25c yd. quality, 15

Belts.

Beaded and Elastic.

These Belts are all the rage abroad, and the fashion is widely increasing in this country. A special importation and sale which is attracting an exceptional degree of attention, and justly so.

Plenty of the best styles are still left. We feature the 69c lots thus:

BEADED AND ELASTIC BELTS, in all black, black and steel and all steel, a variety of designs, 2 1/2 to 4 in. wide belts, that formerly sold for up to \$3.00, to-morrow at the uniform price of 69

Plaited Satin Belts.

BLACK PLAITED SATIN BELTS, shape to figure, pretty oxidized or gilt buckle, 19

Pillow Cases and Sheets.

Special sale to-morrow: Sheets—63-90—Made of heavy quality of sheeting; worth 40c, 37

PILLOW CASES, each, 8-12

So-Carts and Baby Carriages Greatly Underpriced.

Yes, it is a little bit early, but what of that? We saw an opportunity by which we could offer you exceptional values; so we lose no time in bringing it to your attention.

Thirty-nine different styles of BABY CARRIAGES and GO-CARTS in the lot, some are upholstered with velvet, Bedford cord and corduroy, have latest style graining, with best quality rubber tire wheels, finished in green enamel, bodies are full size extra fine quality rear, and all have green lined paravents, some have dainty lace covers on strong adjust- 9.00

Chatelaine Bags.

LEATHER CHATELAINE BAGS, of real Seal and Alligator, Gray Suede, Brown or Tan Morocco, a variety of shapes and sizes, at 39

Dressing Sacs, Wrappers and Bath Robes.

What woman doesn't know the comforts of a nice house gown? No good reason why any woman should be without one when they can be had at these prices:

WOMEN'S EIDERDOWN SACS, pink, gray and rose, only 50

WOMEN'S RIBBED EIDERDOWN SACS, satin bound collar, 98

WOMEN'S EIDERDOWN BATH ROBES, satin bound collar, silk frogs and heavy girdle, 2.75

HEAVY GERMAN FLANNEL WRAPPERS, velvet trimmed, generous width, 1.98

Children's Suits and Shirts.

Only three items; but they are extra special.

CHILDREN'S FLANNEL EITE GOWNS, made with huddard ooke, 2 to 14 year sizes, 75c value; 39

BOYS' MUSLIN NIGHT SHIRTS, trimmed over collar and pocket, 4 to 14 year sizes, 49c; and 59

CHILDREN'S GOWNS, heavy muslin, front has fine tucks and 2 embroidered insertions, 2 to 14 year sizes, 75c value, 50

## Swirls of Bright and Beautiful New Ribbons.

The Sale Is an Enormous Success.

The 11th Semi-Annual Ribbon Sale is attracting crowds of women in general and hundreds of milliners and dressmakers in particular.

All the brightest, freshest, daintiest